

## **PATENT APPLICATION**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of Confirmation No.: 1925

Koji SUZUKI Allowed: April 7, 2004

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For: METHOD FOR MONITORING DEPOSITION REACTION DURING PROCESSING

THE SURFACE OF A SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE

## **COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the April 7, 2004

Notice of Allowability, the following comments are respectfully submitted.

The Reasons for Allowance specifically addresses particular features recited in allowed independent claims 1, 9 and 10 that are not anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art. However, the Reasons for Allowance incorrectly states that "[c]laims 2-8 and 11-22 are allowable as being dependent of the allowed independent base claim."

Only claims 2-4, 11 and 12 depend from the independent claims specifically addressed by the Reasons for Allowance. Claims 5, 6 (7, 8), 13, 14, 15 (16, 17), 18 (19, 20), 21 and (22) are independent claims. Claims 7-8 depend from claim 6, claims 16-17 depend from claim 15, claims 19-20 depend from claim 18 and claim 22 depends from claim 20.

Thus, claims 5-8 and 13-22 are not addressed by the Reasons for Allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 5-8 and 13-22 are patentable separately and independently from claims 1, 9 and 10. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the April 7, 2004 Notice of Allowability does not apply to these claims.

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